

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# S. RES. 200

Designating January 2000 as “National Biotechnology Month”.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

OCTOBER 8, 1999

Mr. GRAMS (for himself, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. REED, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. LOTT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. HELMS, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. BYRD, Mr. HATCH, Mr. ROTH, Mr. DeWINE, Mr. BOND, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. GREGG, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. CRAIG, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERREY, Mr. McCain, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BURNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. ROBB) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

NOVEMBER 16, 1999

Reported by Mr. HATCH, with amendments and an amendment to the title

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NOVEMBER 19, 1999

Considered, amended, and agreed to

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## RESOLUTION

Designating January 2000 as “National Biotechnology Month”.

Whereas biotechnology is increasingly important to the research and development of medical, agricultural, industrial, and environmental products;

Whereas biotechnology has been responsible for breakthroughs and achievements which have benefited people for centuries and, in the 20th century, has contributed to increasing the lifespan of Americans by 25 years through the development of vaccines, antibiotics, and other drugs;

Whereas biotechnology is central to research for cures to diseases such as cancer, diabetes, epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, heart and lung disease, Alzheimer's disease, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and innumerable other medical ailments;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to crop yields and farm productivity and enhances the quality, value, and suitability of crops for food and other uses which are critical to America's agricultural system;

Whereas biotechnology promises environmental benefits including protection of water quality, conservation of topsoil, improvement of waste management techniques, and reduction of chemical pesticide usage;

Whereas biotechnology contributes to the success of the United States in international commerce and trade;

Whereas biotechnology will be an important catalyst for creating jobs in the 21st century; and

Whereas it is important for all Americans to understand the role biotechnology contributes to their quality of life:  
Now, therefore, be it

1        *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1           (1) designates January of the year 2000 as  
2           “National Biotechnology Month”; and

3           (2) requests that the President issue a procla-  
4           mation calling on the people of the United States to  
5           observe this month with appropriate programs, cere-  
6           monies, and activities.

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